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Dear FDA:

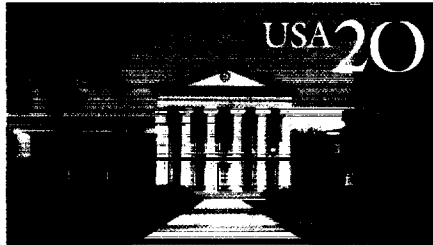
I've been reading of late about the forced molting of laying hens, wherein all feed is withheld for an extensive period. This cruel practice evidently causes the hens to lay more eggs. Is there no limit to the greed in the agriculture business??! This is not only an extremely inhumane practice, very hard on the chickens, but it increases the occurrence of Salmonella, a real public health danger. What can the FDA do to put an end to this deplorable practice? Can't you ban it? If so, I strongly urge you to do it. Chickens have a rough enough time as it is, crammed in those tiny cages, without starving them periodically as well. Again, I ask you to ban this forced molted, and as soon as possible.

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